

Guv', CM and others wish on Kut Festival

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Manipur Governor La. Ganesan, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Water Resources & Relief and Disaster Management, Awangbow Newmai, Minister, Textiles, Commerce and Industry & Co-operation, Nemcha Kipgen, Chairman HILL Areas Committee (HAC) Manipur Legislative Assembly, Dinganglung Gangmei, Minister (Education / Law & Legislative Affairs) Manipur, Th. Basanta Kumar Singh among others greeted the people of Manipur on occasion of the Chavang Kut.

In his message Governor La. Ganesan said that Kut is considered the biggest festival among the Kuki-Chin-Mizo ethnic groups and it is celebrated as a post-harvest festival for thanksgiving and gratitude to the Almighty for a bountiful harvest. The festival also symbolizes peace, harmony and unity rising above the barriers of caste, creed or religion. More and more people belonging to different communities have also joined in the celebration every year spreading the message of oneness.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in his message said that Kut marks the end of the harvesting season and is celebrated to offer thanksgiving to the Almighty for a bountiful harvest.

It is a festival where the young and old, men and women all join in traditional dances, songs and festivities. The spirit of Chavang Kut is about sharing, gratitude and harmonious co-existence. Let more and more people from all communities join and help in spreading the message of unity and peace.

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Let this Kut festival 2022 spread the message of love, peace, prosperity and communal harmony amongst the different communities of Manipur. Let us all unite and work together to bring a prosperous Manipur that will move forward towards growth and development irrespective of all differences, the ministers echoed.

State heading towards development, Chief Minister at Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observation

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that Manipur is heading forward towards development including improvement in connectivity with other States, and further appealed to the public to join hands and work together for further development of the State.

The Chief Minister was addressing the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observation at 1st Bn. Manipur Rifles Parade Ground today.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister expressed his desire to witness seriousness of all State government officials especially high ranking officers during such observations.

N. Biren Singh stated that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed from 2014 every year on 31st October to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. He continued that every citizen of the country should know the importance of

the observance. He said as Indians we all should take such national observations with all seriousness.

He observed that we have been able to live a life with dignity and honour, only because of being citizens of India and born in the State of Manipur. As such we should have the highest honour for our country and birthplace, he added.

Today, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi is revered across the world as a world leader because of the respect he and his works are shown by the people of the country, the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister said that the Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has imbued self confidence in every Indian. Under the initiative, the Country has made many developmental strides, he said, highlighting laying of foundation for aircraft manufacturing facility at Gujarat, export of fighter planes to other countries, and launching of commercial satellites, among others.



The Chief Minister also highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual speech at the recently held "Chintan Shivir" on internal security and drugs related border management held at Surajkund, Haryana under the initiative of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He said that the Prime Minister had emphasised that we have to be very careful because those trying to disintegrate and destabilise the country are not only insurgents, terrorists and naxalites but there are also many intellectuals and Non-profit organizations which are operating under foreign funding to disintegrate the

country and its States.

He also spoke on the huge amount of illegal drug trafficking to the country from neighbouring countries, adding that many foreign countries are trying to destabilise the peaceful condition of our country.

N. Biren Singh also emphasized that Central leaders are taking the issues of States very seriously, as any problems related to security and other reasons affect the whole country. He maintained that the ways of tackling and solving issues related to Northeastern States had changed as the Central leaders always think for the welfare of its people. He appreciated the

Union Home Minister's approach to UG groups asking them to come back to the mainstream.

Further in his speech, the Chief Minister narrated the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel during India's freedom struggle and integration of Indian States after attainment of Independence. One of the precious gifts to the Country was his role in integration of Provinces and Princely States, under the Indian Independence Act 1947, to make a united and strong India, the Chief Minister added.

The Chief Minister also thanked all the armed force personnel posted in the State for their tireless services rendered for the security of the State.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inspected the March Past Parade and also administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge for all attending the function.

The March Past Parade led by Parade Commander Dy CO 2nd MR N. Suraj Singh was participated by contingents of BSF, CRPF, Combined Manipur Rifles Male, Combined IRB

Male, Civil Police Imphal West Male, Civil Police Imphal East Male, 9th IRB Mahila, NCC Boys and NCC Girls.

Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha Maharaj Leishemba Sanajaoba, Ministers, MLAs, Chairman of Boards & Corporations, Chief Secretary, Deputy General of Police, Civil and Police officers, among others attended the function.

On the hand, as a part of the Observance Unity Run programme was held at Thoubal district. Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal A. Subhash Singh IAS, SP Thoubal Jogeshchandra Haobijam, IPS, Manipur Police personnel, staffs of different departments, Volunteers of NYK Thoubal and students of various colleges participated in the unity run. Human chain were also formed as part of the Observance. Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal, SP Thoubal, District level Officers, NYK volunteers and school students participated in the Human Chain formation.

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Thorcham Villagers of Chandel district stopped getting electricity since 2015

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Chandel, Oct 31:

Even as the Thorcham Village in Chandel district of Chakpikarong Sub-Division have been recorded as electrified village in government document, the villagers have been cut off from electric connection since 2015 till today.

"In 2015 the village was electrified but after providing electricity for one month the government has stopped electric supply till today", village Chief RL Moel told media persons who visited the village today.

RL Moel further told that Chandel district has been included among the aspirant districts of India and various union ministers has been visiting the district to review the



developmental works being taken up. However, Thorcham Village under the Chakpikarong sub division of Chandel district has not seen electricity since 2015 after the HT line was cut off in a storm.

"Since then the villagers have been complaining to the government authority to repair the electric connection but the authority deaf," the

village chief said. He added that the transformer installed has been cover up with bushes and the people particularly the students and the elders are facing inconveniences in the absence of electricity.

The village chief appealed the government to reconnect electricity to the village before Christmas this year.

CM distributes farm machineries, calls for double cropping at paddy fields

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Imphal, Oct 31:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today appealed to farmers of the State to utilize their paddy fields by growing other vegetables after their rice harvesting starting from this year and not let the fields lie unutilised after the harvesting season.

N. Biren Singh was speaking as the Chief Guest at the Distribution cum Demonstration Programme of Farm Machineries and Implements under Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) organised by the Department of Agriculture at the City Convention Hall today.

Asserting that the main concern of farmers is lack of water source during the off season, the Chief Minister further assured setting up a spe-

cial sub-committee comprising of Agriculture, IFCD, Horticulture, Minor Irrigation and others to look into the issue. The Chief Minister also said that a Toll Free Number will be operated to facilitate farmers who are willing to utilise their paddy fields after the rice harvesting season. Further seeking the farmers to heed to his call, the Chief Minister assured that the government will ensure provision of the farmers requirements including seeds and water.

N. Biren Singh also emphasised on the need for water harvesting during the monsoon and at the same time highlighted that ponds are being developed at various locations under the Sarovar Mission.

Further in his speech, the Chief Minister explained the Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar

Bharat, Self-reliant India and said it is being aggressively implemented across the State in all sectors. We are also focusing on various sector so that Manipur also contributes in this movement for self-reliance, he said highlighting the recently held Fish Mela where several fish varieties including indigenous ones were made available and the export of various items including black rice.

Under the Prime Minister, we have moved forward, Shri N. Biren Singh said adding that it is dream-like that today funds are directly transferred to accounts of the farmers.

The Chief Minister further emphasised that Rs. 80 crore has allocated so that local rice varieties are bought from the farmers and provided again to the people with subsidy from the Central government.

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'Self style Chiropractor ruins my life; I will not let it happens to any others' – Laishram Harendra Singh



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Laishram Harendra Singh, Assistant Commandant, 6th IRB Pangei (Supervisor 112 ERSS, Manipur) who is presently undergoing treatment at the Rehabilitation center at

RIMS has told that his life was ruined by a self style Chiropractor identified as Sunder Mangang from Warok Sabal of Lamshang in Imphal West.

Talking to media Harendra said that his life has been ruined but will not allow it happens to any persons. A complaint has been lodged to the Lamshang Police station and as per the report and FIR has been filed for cheating, causing grievous hurt and inducing person of believing to be rendered an object of divine pleasure, which is punishable under section 325, 420 and 508 of the Indian Penal Code.

As per the FIR report it is

stated that Laishram Harendra Singh Assistant Commandant 6th IRB Pangei (Supervisor 112 ERSS, Manipur) started sensing some niggling pain between his groin and upper thigh since last year. Though he have consulted some physicians and was also undergoing treatment, the said niggling pain refused to go away altogether making an irritable feature in his body. During this time, he came across some videos uploaded by Sunder Mangang in Social Media i.e. Facebook, Youtube etc. where Sunder Mangang claimed himself to be a Chiropractor and where he further claimed,

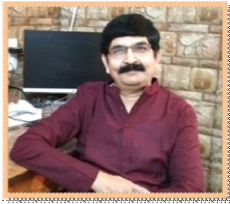
he can cured any kind of pain and ailments in the human body by his Chiro Practicing treatment. Mislead by Sunder Mangang claimed, sometime in the month of February, 2022, he happen to visit the said Sunder Mangang house in Warok Sabal, Lamshang, Imphal West. Sunder Mangang enquired to what his problem was and to which he initially informed Sunder Mangang that he merely come to discuss his problem and take any advice after which he will only go for treatment, if so convinced. However, the said Sunder Mangang started mocking him by saying that he

don't have to be afraid and think over the matter and that Sunder Mangang can straight away cure his niggling pain. He objected to Sunder Mangang opinion by telling that he would like to convince first before going through any treatment as offer by Sunder Mangang. Once again, Sunder Mangang made a mockery in front of other patients by saying that he is a coward and should not be in the Police Service. Thereafter, Sunder Mangang kind of jump upon him by putting legs upon his back while making Sunder Mangang younger brother hold his hands in a locking

manner from behind his back and also tied with his hands loin cloth (Khudei). While he was protesting that no hard and harsh force be used, the said Sunder Mangang simply jump and press Sunder Mangang leg on his back while forcefully bending his back in a forcefully and harass manner, giving him an acute and stinging pain, which was totally unbearable to him. As he was protested that the pain was too much Sunder Mangang laughed it off by saying that it will go away within 2-3 days and he will be to cured of his earlier niggling pain.

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Remembering Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

H.W. Longfellow said that - "Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us, Footprints in the sands of time." On October 31st we will be celebrating the 147th Birth anniversary of Iron man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Today, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is a historical figure who moves us to tears but it seems India has forgotten this precious stone because today's young generation of India only knows him as a freedom fighter. The younger

generation has little understanding of the Sardar's monumental contribution in stitching together a united India from disparate princely States. Though Sardar Patel's contribution in bringing the nation together was great, his memories are fading away gradually and thus he has become a silent icon.

Sardar Patel was a great political leader with exemplary qualities. Straightforward and outspoken, his commitment to secular India was true and well-defined. Blessed with extraordinary qualities of courage, integrity and an iron determination, Patel played an important role in the freedom movement. He was, thus, able to win their unstinted support in the endeavor of nation building. The genuine qualities of leadership he had shown as leader of Satyagraha, flowered in greater way in the administration of the country, maintenance of law and order and ensuring stability of the country and making it invulnerable.

Here, I would like to point out that if our country is such a well built & multifarious, then one can carefully guess that Sardar Patel is the chief engineer for it. He emerged an astute leader and a perceptive statesman acknowledged as the 'Iron Man' and a founder of modern India. As a nation-builder, he was a key leader in the framing of the Constitution, consolidated the nascent state by integrating the Princely states and reorganising the bureaucracy. His efforts to change the Hindu religion and protect the people of other faiths reflected his longing for the right to religion. He was a person of independent nature who brought together the farmers and encouraged them and hence got the title of 'Sardar'.

The British government considered him as a threat and his lectures were considered anti-government and he was imprisoned several times. In 1942, he took part in the Quit India Movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

With great wisdom and political foresight, he strengthened the small kingdoms. There were a lot of problems connected with the reunion of the copious states into India. The impact of Gandhiji's personality on Patel was tremendous which gave him a new mission in life.

Sardar Patel's unrelenting efforts towards the unity of the country brought success. A man of iron will and absolute fearlessness integrated 553 princely Indian States into the Indian Union. Due to the achievement of this massive task, Sardar Patel got the title of 'Iron Man'. He is one of the prestigious leaders of the world who became immortal by uniting a scattered nation without any bloodshed. He took over as the nascent nation's Home Minister at a very crucial juncture in history and devoted himself wholeheartedly to ensure that the country which was already partitioned remained intact and united.

As soon as he came in contact with the Mahatma he decided to discard his foreign clothes and follow the rules of Satyagraha as laid down by Gandhiji. He showed a genuine interest in the welfare of his companions, by constantly enquiring about their needs and problems and helping them as best he could.

I would like to quote one incident of Gujarat. When Hindus and Muslims rioted in Ahmedabad in 1941, Patel was in jail. On his release from jail he told Gujaratis that on his release: "The wounds that were inflicted on me, deep down within me, when I heard of what took place during the riots in this city, they have still not healed. If even 10 had been bold enough to stand up to the miscreants, this would not have happened. In future, do not ever run away. Put up the defence. Face your enemy with a superior force: Gandhiji's path of non-violence."

Today, our country frantically needs a leader like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who was not just an inspiration but was also a hope for our country. It is crystal clear that a person who has high moral standards is bound to take decisions, which are also in the public interest. As it is rightly said in Bhagwad Geeta that this mortal frame is perishable but the spirit within it is never dead so when we say that Sardar Patel was dead in 1950, we simply mean that he was physically dead but he is spiritually alive and his spirit must not be dead. With the statement of our PM Shri Narendra Modi, I would conclude that "Through his skill, vision and patriotism Sardar Patel integrated the nation. We can never forget his contribution in uniting free India." It is hard to find a leader like him who dedicated himself to the service of the nation and its people. Let us hope we find a determined leader like him with depth and vision. Following up the footsteps of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to inculcate integrity in Public life, let us remember him with veneration and bow to him. Let us imitate his admirable qualities.



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

The world has seen a large number of great men, who had reserved their name & fame in the history through their merit and work, but mere rare persons, who has changed not only history but geography of a country without shedding a drop of

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Who are Scheduled Tribes in the True Spirit of Constitution?

By: Dr. Arambam Birajit

For the last 5/6 years we have been talking about the inclusion of Meitei/Meitei in the list of Scheduled tribes for reservation and constitutional safe guard (in later version). Different opinions of different individuals regarding the Meiteis to be or not to be a tribal have been discussed in different media viz. TV channels and newspapers. Some people (including some university teachers) try to define the Meiteis as a community who still lives in a primitive way of life that they eat Ngari (fermented fish), Soibum (fermented bamboo shoot), Hawajir (fermented soybean) etc. They take food on plain leaves in social occasions by sitting cross legged on the ground. They are shy to contact with other communities and they live at remote and far off place of north-east corner connected with deplorable mountainous roads. All these points are arbitrarily constructed to qualify the criteria laid down by the Lokur Committee (1965) which are as follows i) Primitive Traits, ii) Distinctive Culture, iii) Geographical isolation, iv) Shyness to contact with Community at large, and v) Socio-economic backwardness. Here, somebody assumes that any culture different from Aryan culture is the meaning of "Distinctive Culture". But in the criteria, the meaning of "distinctive" is the primitiveness of their total way of life, and not about the peculiar identity of the particular culture. Now, the question is that whether our own culture or religion will be primitive for its dissimilarity with Hinduism? Contrastingly, when we again talk about our Manipuri language for enlisting as classical language even one who had betrayed our culture and religion would again try to dignify the Manipuri language as one of the finest languages having a recorded history of more than 2000 years and original literary tradition with its own script etc. Many cultural anthropologists have affirmed that the language is the backbone of a culture. So, any form of antithetic statement between language and culture is not acceptable. So, asserting such one sided, disapproving and contradictory statement is very much unfortunate for all of us. It may lead to an obstruction/defamation in the progressive journey of our culture as well as language.

Regarding Hawajir, Ngari and Soibum, it is not necessary to define more as it is a matter of food science/technology in a traditional way. Some foods prepared under the same process of fermentation like Yoghurt, Dosa, Jalebi etc. are popular foods of mainland people whom some regard as developed general caste society. And the same society/community also eats food on plain leaves in the same manner in their social occasions. In connection with the criterion of geographical isolation, there is a misinterpretation that remoteness and connecting with mainland India through neglected bad road condition are different from the meaning of geographical isolation. It means self isolation or pushed out by some forces from the main society with a historical reason. In case of Meitei, there is no history of self-isolation or pushed out by any force of mainland society to live in such an oasis surrounded by nine mountain ranges. Till 1949, they had no shared history with Indian civilization. Mixing with the ideas of indigeneity of Meiteis with that of Adivasis, the original inhabitant of India will be a nightmare for the future generation of Meiteis. Now, again another narrative of being Adivasis should not be introduced as the pain of distorting Meitei identity as descendants of Aryans in the past has hardly been cured. The equation of Adivasis and indigeneity of Meiteis has been actually derived from the purposive misinterpretation of the Supreme Court judgment "Kailas & Other Vs State of Maharashtra dated 5th Jan 2011. Point No. 4 of the judgment says "...The tribal people (scheduled tribes or Adivasis) who are probably the descendants of the original inhabitant of India". With these words taking equivalent literal meaning of indigenous people or yelhoumee, some people are misinterpreting to impress the frustrated youths. In continuation to the judgment, point No. 20 reads "...India is a country of old immigrants in which people have been coming in over the last ten thousand years or so, probably about 92% people in India today are descendants of immigrants, who came mainly from North-west and to a lesser extent from North-East..." Here, the Hon'ble Court wants to say that the people coming from North-West are the Aryans and the people coming from North-East direction are none but the present day Mongoloid people of North-East. So, we, the mongoloid people, are obviously considered as immigrants. Again in point No. 25, there is an underlined sentence saying "...The original inhabitants of India may be identified with the speakers of the Munda languages, which are unrelated to either Indo-Aryan or Dravidian languages..." Thereafter, in point No. 26, it is mentioned in a conclusive view that "...Thus the generally accepted view now is that the original inhabitants of India were not the Dravidians but the pre-Dravidians Munda aborigines whose descendants presently live in parts of Chotanagpur (Jharkhand), Chattisgarh, Orissia, West Bengal etc. the Todas of the Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu, the tribal in the Andaman Island, the Adivasis

in various part of India (especially in the forest and hills) e.g. Gonds, Santhals, Bhils etc". Here, a single North-East mongoloid tribal is not mentioned. Furthermore, the Hon'ble Court mentions some points of historical events in point No. 36. "...The injustice done to the tribal people of India is a shameful chapter in our country's history. The Tribals were called 'rakshas' (demons), 'asuras' and what not." Again in the same point, the injustice to Eklavya, a tribal boy in the Mahabharat epic is given as a well known example of atrocities done to tribal people. Therefore, as per ruling of the highest Court of India, there is no room for Meiteis to become adivasis or original inhabitant of India. Whereas, in accordance with ILO Convention No. 169, we are claiming that meiteis are one of indigenous peoples of Manipur. No one can deny this indigeneity of Meiteis. If you are convinced as per this ruling of the supreme Court that only Scheduled Tribes are original inhabitant of India or Indigenous people of India, then you can challenge the same verdict with the evidence of existing STs of North-East. Mizos came during 16th century and Tai Ahoms came during 13th century. Even Nagas came long after Aryans.

If we discuss the genesis of ST, it should go through a politico-historical dimension. At the time of migration or invasion of Indo-Aryans, the original inhabitants of India the so called Adivasis were pushed into hills and forest and also they themselves isolated to protect from the stronger and larger migrated people i.e. Indo-Aryans. Since that time, this tribal people were oppressed, marginalized, deprived and exploited. This dreadful situation made them the most vulnerable community characterized by high level of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, timidity etc. Considering these historical facts, the framers of our constitution with an elaborate discussion in Constituent Assembly have incorporated several provisions in the Constitution so that this historically disadvantaged group can be uplifted from their poverty and low status. All these facts are clearly written in the above mentioned Supreme Court judgment of the 5th Jan 2011 and minutes of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi discussion on "Criteria for Inclusion/Exclusion of the Communities in the Presidential Order for Scheduled Tribe and Other Tribal Issues" held on the 23rd June 2017 at Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi. In fact, the Constitutional provisions for ST are purely temporary compensatory provision. The criteria prescribed by the Lokur Committee are also to identify the tribal communities within this purview. Keeping this

true spirit of Constitution in the mind, any tribal community outside this historical purview cannot be enlisted in the schedule. If we are identified as scheduled tribe, our glorious history of 2000 years as a sovereign Asiatic power must be belittled as an exploited, marginalized indigenous tribal community since Mahabharat, Ramayan or pre-historic civilization. It will obviously bring a narrative of another low born Babruvahan. Are meiteis always necessary one Babruvahan to stand erect? On other hand, if it is insisted that meiteis are tribal then why does no one oppose the condemning of Amar Chitra Katha and Ministry of Culture by four Student organizations for portraying Paona Brajabasi as tribal freedom fighter in their comic published on the occasion Azadi Ka Amrit Mahosv. Now, many communities who are not actually genuine are pursuing for ST tag through political backdoor. Whether or may be, to become ST or something is not our concern and the copy paste of their way of achieving for the same is also not necessary. However, our concern is how Meiteis will survive with courage and dignity in future.

Now, the scheduled caste communities of Meiteis are getting one assembly reserved seat and 15% central quota (2% for state). Will they be silent when they lose their one assembly seat along with 2% state quota and cutting down of 15% to 7.5% central quota. On other hand, all the Meitei Pungal community will be alienated from electoral contest as and when all the valley constituencies are reserved for ST. Will they remain as a mere spectator? The root cause of demographic imbalance in Manipur is also something else rather than visible appearance. Only one sided view without holistic analysis and merely tagging of ST will not bring the solution except fabricating the voluminous crisis. Why don't we pressurize the state government for Manipur People Bill to get the President's assent? Now is the right time to work together as our state government is double engine government. We need to put our heads together with state for strengthening ILP, workable Population Commission, NRC etc. As and when all the provisions of ST are withdrawn, every benefit will vanish. Then, at that time, will we again fight for identity and land protection? Why should we waste our valuable time and energy for a temporary provision by keeping aside the permanent legitimate solution? The demand for social security, prosperity, pride and dignity of people is the real far sighted political aspiration. No one is against the idea of protecting our land and identity but the way of finding the solution as ST is unjustifiable and questionable.

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Sardar Patel & first Prime Ministership

blood. Born on 31st October, 1975, in a poor Kisan family of Patelad (Gujarat) Vallabh Bhai Patel was the such uncommon person who did the impossible task of integrating 560 princely states to Indian union. A constructive engineer in politics, a recognized umpire in disputes and an organizer of victories in campaigns, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel is all this but something more.

Although, Patel is much credited for his particular work of preventing fragmentation and Balkanization of India, but a large number of decisive facts have been brushed under the carpet in the Indian history. As Machiavelli wrote - "History is written by the victors". The history of independent India was written and

overseen by that faction of the Congress party which emerged victorious in the leadership tussle on the eve of independence with the partisan support of none other than the all-powerful and universally venerable Mahatma Gandhi. The history taught by the Congress governments in the independent country totally concealed the happening of debarring Patel from Congress leadership.

Congress Presidency :

On 2nd September 1946, Nehru was invited to form the Interim Government and to be its Vice President (defacto Prime Minister) by the then Viceroy, Lord Wavell, manifestly because he (Nehru) happened to be the Congress President at that time. He got this post in 1946 mainly through Mahatma Gandhi's intervention in his favour, for none of the provinces has proposed his

name. As per constitution of the Congress, its President was elected on the majority of Provincial Congress Committee's recommendations. Despite Gandhiji's open statement for Nehru on 20th April 1946, twelve out of fifteen provincial Congress committees recommended Patel's name and three abstained from nomination process. Obviously, the overwhelming majority in favour of Sardar Patel, was a challenge to Mahatma Gandhi as well.

According to Kripalani (the then general secretary of Congress), "Gandhi expressed his deep concern over the proposal of the provinces, because transfer of power was certain as hinted by the British Prime Minister in London on 16th February 1946 and he (Gandhi) wanted to see Nehru as the Prime Minister at any cost. Then Kripalani obtained fifteen signatures of some working

committee members and a few local AICC members of Delhi (who were not the legitimate body to nominate the Party President) as per Gandhiji's instruction and duly proposed Nehru's name. It must be noteworthy that the last date for receiving recommendations from the provincial Congress committees (29th April, 1946) had already expired".

It's not that Gandhi was not aware of the immorality of this exercise to overlook the overwhelming support for Patel. He had fully realized that what he was trying to bring about was wrong and totally unfair. In fact, he tried to make Nehru understand the reality. A shell-shocked Nehru was defiant and made it clear that he will not play second fiddle to anybody and he may even leave the party. Gandhi knew that Nehru could go upto any extent for power, whereas Patel

could sacrifice without any hesitation. Patel also not get struck on the issue as he was aware that any break up in the party would send wrong signal at such a crucial juncture. The Congressmen were not happy with Gandhi's choice; but then for the sake of unity and in reverence to Gandhi, they endorsed it. Disappointed Rajendra Prasad remarked that Gandhi had once again sacrificed his "trusted lieutenant" in favour of the "glamorous Nehru".

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Gujarat: Morbi suspension bridge collapse death toll rises to 141, more bodies fished out of river

Agency
Ahmedabad, Oct 31:

At least 141 people were declared dead after a century-old cable bridge collapsed on the Machchhu river in Gujarat's Morbi on Sunday.

The over-a-century-old bridge, which had reopened five days ago after extensive repairs and renovation, was crammed with people when it collapsed around 6.30 pm on Sunday.

Eyewitness Subhas said there were several women and children on the suspension bridge when its cables snapped. "We came here for a walk. Suddenly there was a loud noise. We saw people drowning in the river, most of them were women and children. I've dragged out eight persons from the river so far," he said. Some people were seen jumping on the bridge and pulling its big wires, another eyewitness said.

"Rescue operations are still underway and the injured have been shifted to hospital," Panchayat Minister Brijesh Merja said.

Road and Building Department Minister Jagdish Panchal



blamed the accident prima facie on overcrowding. "The bridge seems to have collapsed as too many people were on it at the same time, far exceeding its capacity," he said.

While Gujarat DGP Ashish Bhatia claimed there were at least 100 people on the bridge when it collapsed, Gujarat Minister of State for Home, Harsh Sanghani put the figure at 150.

"Over 40 were rescued and 60 were still missing. Some 5-10 were hanging on the bridge and were also rescued," Bhatia said.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was later deployed. NDRF director general Atul Karwal said three teams

the culmination of Aarambh at Kevadia.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a three-day visit to Gujarat ahead of Assembly elections, spoke to the chief minister and other officials regarding the mishap. He sought to expedite rescue operations. The state government formed a five-member panel to probe the tragedy.

Its members are Rajkumar Benival, Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner; K.M Patel, chief engineer (quality control) in the road and building department in Gandhinagar; Dr Gopal Tank, head of the department of structural engineering at LD Engineering College; Sandip Vasava, secretary, road and housing ministry; and Subhash Trivedi, CID (crime) Inspector General.

A private operator had carried out extensive repairs for nearly six months before the suspension bridge was reopened on October 26. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Rahul Gandhi appealed to their cadre in Gujarat to extend all possible assistance in rescue work at Morbi.

have already been dispatched to assist in rescue operations.

"Three NDRF teams have already been dispatched — two from Gandhinagar and one from Baroda — to assist in the rescue operation," Karwal said.

Officials said a Gujarat State Disaster Response Force team stationed close to Morbi was the first to reach the accident site. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced an ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the injured people.

PM Modi Gets emotional on the incident during his address to Officer Trainees of the 97th Common Foundation Course at

India logs 1,326 fresh Covid cases, active count dips to 17,912

Agency
New Delhi, Oct 31:

With 1,326 people testing positive for coronavirus infection in a day, India's tally of Covid-19 cases rose to 4,46,53,592, while the active cases declined to 17,912, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Monday.

The death toll climbed to 5,29,024 with eight fatalities which includes five deaths recorded by Kerala, the data

updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.04 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate increased to 98.78 per cent, the ministry said.

A decrease of 405 cases has been recorded in the active Covid-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.59 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 1.08 per cent, according to the ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,06,656, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent.

According to the ministry, 219.63 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive.

India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September

16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one crore mark on December 19.

The country crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4 and three crores on June 23 last year. It crossed the four-crore mark on January 25 this year.

Three deaths were reported in a span of 24 hours with one each from Maharashtra, Mizoram and Uttar Pradesh.

Innovative Nutri Blended Herbalfruit Tea: A New Development



By: Dr. Y. Prabhavati Devi

Herbal fruit tea is fruit based healthy drink prepared from locally available fruits of North East region of India. It is very rich in natural bioactive compounds such as polyphenols, flavonoids, anthocyanins, carotenoids, coumarins, alkaloids, polyacetylenes, saponins, terpenoids etc. It exhibits high natural antioxidants which can scavenge the free radicals which are very reactive and harmful to human health. It is prepared by incorporating dried dragon fruit pulp, peel, orange peel, lemon pulp and ginger by mixing in proper proportion. It is mainly designed to improve the antioxidant status and also to enhance the overall health status. This tea is very rich in natural bioactive compound which helped to prevent the oxidative damage due to over exposure to free radicals in human body. Nowadays, this herbal tea has gained popularity among the health conscious consumer in order to reduce the body weight and also for slimming and maintaining healthy body. This tea is very good for pregnant and breastfed mother as it contains citrus peel, orange peel other fruit and ginger. It is mainly designed in order to boost optimum health as well as for reducing the risk of certain dis-

cases and diabetes, heart diseases and cancer. This herbal tea got very high sensorial score in terms of appearance, colour, flavour and taste. The shelf life of the perishable seasonal fruits can be extended by making this herbal tea and can also made available throughout the year.

The fruit tea under this study exhibited higher protein and carbohydrate content (5.6g/100g and 33.3g/100g) as compared to fruit tea available in the market (0.7- 1.2 g/100 g protein and carbohydrate content from 10.3-18.9 g/100 g). The vitamin C content in dragon fruit tea was recorded as 86.29±4.2 mg/100 g which is comparable with fruits which contains high amount of vitamin C such as orange and lemons. The TPC value of dragon fruit tea was found to be 368.9±0.07 mg GAE/100g DW. The flavonoid content dragon fruit tea was found to be 232.2 ±0.12 mg QE/100g DW. The antioxidant activity analysis revealed that dragon fruit tea

(129±0.07 mgAAE/100g) in DPPH assay which is very high as compared with other fruit tea available in the market. Incorporation of these high nutrient rich ingredients has resulted in unique colour, flavour contributing to enhance sensory attribute and overall acceptability of the product. Besides an improvement in storage quality and shelf life was also observed. This tea is very good for pregnant and breastfed mother as it contains citrus peel, orange peel other fruit and ginger. It is mainly designed in order to boost optimum health as well as for reducing the risk of certain diseases like diabetes, heart diseases and cancer. There is a great potential for the commercialization of immune boosting health drink to create market opportunities among start-up entrepreneurs.

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Herbal Fruit tea packed in tea bag

Herbal fruit tea

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Sardar Patel & first Prime....

In Kripalani's words, who was instrumental in proposing Jawahar's name, "It was certain that if Jawahar's name had not been proposed illegally, then Sardar would have been elected as the Congress President. In that event, Patel (and not Nehru) would have been invited to head the Interim Government (on 2nd September 1946) and to be the first *de facto* Prime Minister." It is reasonable to think that as head of the Interim Government Patel (who always demonstrated his edge over Nehru in party control and management) would have further consolidated his position as the unchallenged leader of the party and as *de jure* Prime Minister when independence came on 15th August 1947. Due to Gandhi's restiveness Patel, despite having overwhelming support, "missed the Bus".

From the *de facto* position, *de jure* Prime Ministership for Nehru was not a very difficult move. As Gandhi was still alive in 1947 and his opt-repeated declaration about Nehru being his 'political heir' was well known; hence Nehru was unanimously elected the leader of Congress Parliamentary Party; and, as such, he became the first PM of Independent India.

The incident of 1946 was not the first time that Patel was debarred from the leadership. Earlier on several occasions Nehru superseded him through Gandhi's intervention. In 1929, for Congress presidency, ten provincial recommendations were for Gandhi, five for Patel and three for Nehru. After Gandhi's refusal, the natural chance was for Patel. But Gandhi intervened for Nehru and he (Nehru) ultimately became the Congress President.

In 1931, Patel was elected the President of the Congress in Karachi session. Again in 1937, his name was considered for Congress Presidentship; but knowing Gandhi's wish, he himself suggested the re-election of Nehru. As chairman of party election committee, Patel show his credibility in provincial elections held in 1937 and 1946, when Congress got a majority in most of the provinces.

Overall Command : After becoming the *de facto* Prime Minister, Nehru gave up the Congress presidentship in October, 1946.

Patel wanted Kripalani to succeed him. But as Kripalani found that the Government did not consult him on any matter, he resigned. Gandhi then wanted that Jai Prakash Narayan or Narendra Dev, both of whom were Congress socialist leaders, should succeed Kripalani. But Patel wanted Rajendra Prasad to be the Congress president. Prasad took over the charge from Kripalani. In December 1946 Nehru wanted N. Gopalswami Aiyangar to be the President of the Constituent Assembly, but instead had to agree to Patel's choice Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

On the question of nominating the first President of Indian Republic, Patel gave his blessing to Rajendra Prasad for the post; but Nehru, was of view that C. Rajagopalachari (the then Governor General) should be given the responsibility. Ultimately, Rajendra Prasad became the first President of Indian Republic on 26th January 1950.

Nehru was not quite happy with the retention of crucial Home portfolio by Patel. But even from the Interim Government time, Patel insisted on

keeping it despite considerable pressure from the Viceroy Mountbatten with Nehru's apparent concurrence. There were great ideological rifts between right-leaning Patel and left-leaning Nehru on various policies such as, economic, industrial, educational, agriculture, border security issues and others. But despite being the Deputy Prime Minister, Patel had not only the control on the party organisation but also over the government. Ministers like N.V. Gadgil, R.R. Diwakar, R.K. Shanmukham Chetty, C.H. Bhabha and J.D. Daulatram were staunch supporters of Patel, whereas S.P. Mukherjee, Jagjivan Ram and Baldev Singh were also inclined towards him.

Thus, despite being debarred from leadership, Patel and his supporters always demonstrated their edge not only over Nehru but even over Gandhi in Party affairs. In addition to showing Patel's superior strength in the party, the outcome of the Presidential election had another ominous implication. In September 1950, the two contestants for Party Presidentship were J.B. Kripalani and P.D. Tandon -

who had the blessing and support of Nehru and Patel respectively. Indeed, the contest was seen as a trial of strength between P.M. and Deputy P.M. all over the country. Several newspapers, national as well as abroad, described and commented upon it in that light. Tandon (1306 votes) won by defeating Kripalani (1092 votes). With the Party under the overall control of his protégé, Patel would have made it increasingly difficult for Nehru to function as leader of the Parliamentary wing and ultimately as the PM. But luckily for Nehru, that was not to be, on Patel passed away suddenly on 15th December, 1950 in Mumbai.

Cleaning operation : After Patel's death, Nehru's political and functional constraints disappeared. The Patelites in the cabinet were left leaderless. Although Patel was dead, his protégé, Tandon was still the Congress President and as such in overall control of the party organisation. So Nehru's first effort was directed towards capturing the Congress Organisation with a majority working committee of his choice. But being unable to do

so, he resigned from the working committee. This was followed by a few more resignations. Finding himself isolated, Tandon resigned and Nehru was crowned as the Congress President (along with the Prime Ministership) in October 1951.

After the 1952 general elections, Nehru came in full form and dropped out all the Patelites - Gadgil, Munshi, Diwakar, and Bhabha - from the council of ministers. He had planned to axe Baldev Singh & Jagjivan Ram too, as they were suspected to have well wishers of Patel. However, Jagjivan Ram was retained at the instance of President Dr. Rajendra Prasad. The 14-member new council of Ministers was full of Nehru's handpicked men - Kailash Nath Katju, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Gopal Swami Aiyangar, C.D. Deshmukh, T.T. Krishnamachari, V.V. Giri, C.C. Biswas, Amrit Kaur, Rafi Ahmad Kidwai. The other two ministers Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Jagjivan Ram were no more challengeable threat to Nehru. Thus in 1952, the Party as well as Government were freed from Patel and his shadow (loyalists). Actually it

was the beginning of "Nehru Era" and end of "Patel Era" of power politics in India.

Rajaji, the first Indian Governor General and later Home Minister in the Nehru cabinet (till 1952), regarded that, "Gandhi had made a blunder mistake in wanting that Nehru and not Patel should be the PM. Had Nehru been the Foreign Minister, India would have avoided many of errors she was led into under Jawahar and (from) the glamour (of) egalitarianism, associated with communism, which captivated his innocent heart."

Thus the crucial presidential election of the Congress in 1946 was the turning point in the history of India. If Patel, the People's choice, had been the head of the Indian Government, the national, international, economic, agricultural, education, industrial, defence, Border security issues, Tibet issue and other policies all would have been different and the great India might have emerged as a "Super Power" in the world.

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Rotary Club of Imphal celebrates 50th Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, Oct 31:

Rotary Club of Imphal (RID-3240) celebrated the 50th Foundation Day of the club by organizing various community based service projects at Imphal today.

A blood donation camp was organised at American Oncology Institute, Babina Speciality Hospital, Sajiwa, Imphal East district in which about 27 units of blood was voluntarily donated by club

members and volunteers. Rtn. Pramod Jaiswal, President of Rotary Club of Imphal, who is donating blood for the 46th times, appealed everyone to voluntarily donate blood to save lives and help needy patients at the hospital. Eatable items were also presented to the in-house patients at the hospital.

Later, eggs, under Rotary Egg Bank, were distributed for the month of November to three children homes of the state namely Yaibilen Children's

Home, Keibi Sanapat, Imphal East District, Child Care Institute, Kabo Leikai, Dewlahland, Imphal West District. Rotary Egg Bank is a continuing community service project of the club which will benefit nearly 80 children of these three homes and help provide nutritious food to children of the home. A child at the home will get four eggs per week free of cost with the eggs procured from local poultry farmers.

Rotary Club of Imphal had also provided lunch to the

school students of Kongsam Tomba and Sachi School, Khurai Chairenthong, Imphal East District as part of the 50th Foundation day celebration yesterday.

Rtn. Pramod Jaiswal, President of Rotary Club of Imphal, said that the club was founded on October 31, 1973 and the club will be celebrating 50 years of service for upliftment of the community through various service projects throughout the year starting from today till as Golden Jubilee Year 2022-23.

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State heading towards....

Earlier, floral tributes were paid to Sardar Vallabhai Patel led by Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal A. Subhash Singh IAS at the DC office Complex Thoubal.

The district administration of Tengnoupal also observed Rastriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at district headquarter, Machi and Moreh sub division today.

Ranjay Yumnam led in paying homage and garlanding to photograph of Sardar Vallabhai Patel. The gathering which includes DLOs, staff, students and public form human chain and read out Unity pledge at DC Office complex.

As a part of the observance, Ranjay Yumnam, DC flagged off the Unity Run from the district headquarter and the run was also organised in Machi and Moreh sub-divisions. The Unity Run was participated by officers and staff of the district administration,

police department, students of educational institutions including colleges and the public in the district.

At Pherzawl District, a Unity Run was organised in schools under ZEO Pherzawl.

On the occasion, ZEO Pherzawl district Hemchand Yumnam said Pherzawl District joined the rest of the state in observing the event. He added altogether 16 Schools in different parts of the district with a total of 850 participated in the Unity Run.

At Churachandpur, District Administration observed the Rastriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at Mini-Secretariat Campus, Churachandpur to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Rastriya Ekta Diwas is observed with an aim to foster and reinforce the dedication of the people to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and

security of the nation by reinforcing the value of a strong and united India.

As part of the programme, Sharath Chandra Arrojui, Deputy Commissioner, DLOs, students and other participants paid floral tribute to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the unifier of Modern India at Mini-Secretariat premises today tomorrow.

District Administration of Bishnupur observed Rastriya Ekta Diwas across Bishnupur today to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - 'The Iron Man of India'. Deputy Commissioner Lourembam Bikram led the gathering at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat complex in paying rich floral tributes at the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The DC also administered Rastriya Ekta Diwas pledge to the participants comprising of DLOs and Staff of district administration.

Month Long Special Campaign 2.0 for Disposal of Pending Matters concludes at RIMS

IT News
Imphal, Oct 31:

A closing ceremony of a month long special campaign 2.0 for disposal of pending matters from 2nd to 31st October, 2022 was held at Jubilee Hall, RIMS, Imphal today. During the closing ceremony, Prof. L. Ranjit Singh, Director, RIMS, Imphal stated that RIMS Hospital has completely changed looking back to 1977 and now at present. He appreciated the former director for his efforts and initiatives to help RIMS Hospital keeping very neat and clean. Director

also urged to unite and work together as a team continuously to overcome all the tasks for maintaining neat and cleanliness at the RIMS Hospital and its surroundings. We should work tirelessly and strive till we can achieve award for Kaya Kalp competition. He also thanked to all the staff of CRED and MSS for their duty in keeping RIMS Hospital neat and clean. Lastly, he also highlighted the ultimate gold of "Garbage to Garden" of 3 (three) places.

Further, Prof. N. Sanjit Singh, Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital, Imphal

said that Swachhta Action Plan is very important since under Kaya Kalp, RIMS Hospital is able to level up in maintaining neat and clean environment at RIMS Hospital. He appreciated four entrepreneurs of "Package Drinking Water Bottles and Allied Industries" who donated 5(five) plastic bottle banks for disposal of plastic bottles. He also mentioned that 3 (three) places of Garbage will transform into Gardens.

The program was attended by Prof. Y. Govindaraj Singh, Nodal Officer, SAP 2022-23/ Kaya Kalp RIMS, Imphal, faculty members, officials, staffs

of Manipur Security Services and CRED.

On other hand, a farewell function was held in honour of renowned Dr. Prof. Ngangbam Taruni Devi, Department of Medicine, RIMS, Imphal who served about 38 years at RIMS, Imphal. She has relieved from the service of RIMS, Imphal today at New Examination Hall, RIMS, Imphal. During the farewell function, Director of RIMS Imphal, Medical Superintendent of RIMS Hospital, Imphal, DDA (Admn), CAO/FA, staff and faculty members also attended.

CM distributes farm machineries....

N. Biren also emphasised on the need to minimise use of chemical fertilizers and instead encourage cattle rearing and organic fertilizer.

Agriculture Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh said that if we deliberate on why we are losing paddy fields, we can see that it is due to non-productivity and the farmers looking for alternatives.

Today, the government is promoting digital and natural farming and considering ways on how to enhance productivity and increase income of the farmers through use of technology like drone to save the paddy fields, he said.

The Minister further said that the Agriculture department is all set to take up four types of demonstrations at different parts of the State including natural farming through use of cow manure, organic farm-

ing through use of vermicompost and others and farming using nano fertilizers and farming using fertilizers so that we can compare the productions.

Biswajit also urged the farmers against excessive use of chemical fertilizers as it leads to several health issues, and to instead focus and encourage natural and organic farmings.

Delivering the key-note address, Commissioner Agriculture RK Dinesh explained SMAM and said it is centrally sponsored scheme launched in 2014-15 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare.

The main objective of SMAM is to maximise use of mechanisation in farming, he said adding that the power availability per ha is 2kW/ha (approx) in 2013-14 which is to be increased to 4.0 kW/ha by 2022.

He further explained how farmers can avail the scheme and subsidies provided under the scheme.

The Chief Minister also inspected the Farm machineries and implements and a demonstration of farm drone was showcased as part of the function.

The function was also attended by Hill Area Committee Chairman Diganlung Gangmei, Thanga MLA T Robindro, Patsoi MLA Sapam Kunjakeswor (Keiba) Singh, Churachandpur MLA LM Khaute, Lamlai MLA Kh. Ibomcha, Wangkhei MLA Th Arunkumar, Hiyanglam MLA Dr. Y Radheshyam.

Later, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inspected the ongoing preparation for Sangai Festival at Bheigyachandra Open Air Theatre and Mapal Kanjeibung.

Gifts presented to aged women at Langjing Achouba Old Age Home

IT News
Imphal, Oct 31:

Kindness Manipur, an NGO has organized a grand feast for the aged women staying at Langjing Achouba Old Age Home on the fifth day of Meitei Lunar month Hiyangei and presented gifts to the aged ladies staying in the home.

State BJP President A. Sarda Devi attended as the Chief Guest on the grand occasion. In her speech A. Sarda Devi highlighted the significance of the Meitei Lunar Month Hiyangei as Manipur's largest festival Ningol Chakouba falls on the 2nd day. She lauded the Kindness Manipur for organizing grand



feast for those staying in the Old Age Home of Langjing Achouba on the 5th day of Hiyangei month besides presenting gifts to the aged ladies.

Sarda Devi further appealed the people about the

needs to maintain discipline towards our elders. She also appreciated the role being taken by the President of the Aged Home Dr. Mayengbam Kamala Devi and Secretary Gita Konthoujam in taking care

of the aged people. She assured assistance to provide any kind of help that is possible from the government side to the Old Age Home.

Social Worker Sumati Sougrakpam who attended the occasion as president also highlighted the significance of the Ningol Chakouba as it strengthens the bond of brothers and sisters, daughters and their parents. However she expressed unhappiness on the changing trend of Ningol Chakouba.

Suraj Adhikari, Proprietor Eramdam Infra and Manipur Fitness Club, Rakesh Moirangthem, Manipur Film Maker and Poojai Gangmei also attended as Guests of honours.

Sports

French Open:

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty win men's doubles title

Agency
Paris, Oct 31:

The star Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the French Open Super 750 crown with a straight-game demolition of Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in the men's doubles final here on Sunday.

The world number 8 pair, who had finished runners-up in the 2019 edition, rode on their formidable attack to outwit the 25th-ranked Lu and Yang 21-13 21-19 in the summit clash that lasted 48 minutes.

The Indian pair thus continued their dream run this year, which saw them win the Indian



Open Super 500 title, Commonwealth Games gold, Thomas Cup crown, and an unprecedented bronze at the World Championships in August.

It is the pair's third world tour title, following the 2019 Thailand Open Super 500 and India Open Super 500 this year.

They are also the first Indian duo to win a super 750 tournament.

In a battle between two attacking teams, it was Satwik and Chirag who emerged victorious as they showed better tactical acumen and hunger to reign supreme over their rivals.

The Indian pair came out all cylinders blazing to jump to a 5-0 lead. They kept moving ahead, not giving any chance to their opponent to make a comeback.

Eventually, it was a great serve by Satwik that helped them to take a six-point cushion at the midgame break.

The Indian duo continued to dominate the fast-paced rallies and earned seven game point opportunities after a series of flat exchanges, and Chirag sealed it on the first chance.

The Taipei pairing needed a good start in the second game and they looked competitive initially, but the Indian duo once again ensured a six-point cushion at the interval.

Self style Chiropractor ruins...

However, when the acute pain caused by the forceful exertion of Sunder Mangang on his back did not stop even after 10-15 days, he informed Sunder Mangang about his condition but Sunder Mangang started avoiding him by refusing to pick up his phone calls as well as giving him no appointment. In the meantime, having no alternative, he went for treatment to RIMS where he was treated in the department of Orthopedics starting from the month of April, 2022 still today.

As advice, he took MRI in the department of Radio Diagnosis, RIMS and it was found that his spinal disc at L3 and L4 was defused and at the same time the posterior disc at L4 and L5 were bulge causing severe bilateral neural foraminal narrowing. In other words, Sunder Mangang is a fraud claiming to be a Chiropractor without any kind of proper training thereby endangering the life and limbs of others as done to him. Sunder Mangang has caused grievous hurt to him by Sunder Mangang forceful exertion of force which was also against his will. Lastly, when he had contacted for further enquiry Sunder Mangang threaten him not to create any more scene or enquiry as otherwise lie will have to face harsh repercussion from Sunder Mangang side.

In this regard the police conducted an enquiry into the matter, examined the complainant wherein it came to know that the complainant visited the residence of Kongsam Sunder

Singh (40) S/o K. Shamu Singh of Yurembam Makha Leikai A/P Warok Sabal, Lamsang for treatment in the month of February 2022 for his body niggle pain which he came across from some Videos on Social Media upload by namely Kongsam Sunder Singh curing pains and as Chiropractor. After some days back the complainant was not good in health so he went to RIMS Hospital in the month of April 2022 for further treatment and found that his Spinal Disc L3 and L4 was defused and the posterior disc at L4 and L5 were bulge causing severe bilateral neural foraminal narrowing. On further enquiry contacted the alleged person namely Kongsam Sunder Singh (40) in which he also stated of the visit by the complainant namely Laishram Harendra Singh at his residence for treatment during the month of February 2022. Further he produced one Certificate of Diploma in Acupressure and Magneto Therapist in his name which was issued by Dr. Opendro Laishram (Course Cum Managing Director) of The Sangai Health Care System and the same was verified and came out be genuine.

The police have recommended a full investigation into the matter as of now.